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In the specification:

Please replace paragraph [0004] with new paragraph [0004]:

- 5 Surface-mount packages have pins or leads that are bent to be parallel to the PCB surface, or may have solder balls or flat pads for soldering to one surface of the PCB. The surface-mount package does not require holes in the PCB, so only one side of the PCB is occupied by the surface-mount package, saving board space. Also, surface mount packages tend to be smaller ~~that~~ than DIP packages.

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Please replace paragraph [0081] with new paragraph [0081]:

- [0081] Several other embodiments are contemplated by the inventor. For example various materials may be used ~~for~~ for insulator 22, resist layer 26, via metal 34, and metal package body 18. Rather than use light to expose the photo-resist, an electron beam or X-ray beam or other radiation may be used to expose the resist. The drilled vias may be formed using a laser, mechanical drill, or a chemical etch, or some combination. More complex circuits could be encapsulated within inner cavity 10, or more than one die could be placed within inner cavity 10.

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Please replace paragraph [0086] with new paragraph [0086]:

- [0086] Any advantages and benefits described may not apply to all embodiments of the invention. When the word "means" is recited in a claim element, Applicant intends for the claim element to fall under 35 USC Sect. 112, paragraph 6. Often a label of one or more words precedes the word "means". The word or words preceding the word "means" is a label intended to ease referencing of claims elements and is not intended to convey a structural limitation. Such means-plus-function claims are intended to cover not only the structures described herein for performing the function and their structural equivalents, but also equivalent structures. For example, although a nail and a screw have different

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structures, they are equivalent structures since they both perform the function of fastening. ~~CI~~ aims that do not use the word

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